







Claim 5 depends from claim 1 and, thus, recites all the features of its base claim. Therefore, Applicants submit that claim 5 is patentable over the combination of Thompson, Budike, and Fleckner for at least the same reasons as claim 1. Similarly, claim 17 depends from claim 14 and Applicants submit that claim 17 is patentable for at least the same reasons as claim 14.

Applicant submits that the Examiner has failed to prove a *prima facie* case of obviousness with respect to claim 12 for at least the same reasons as explained above for claims 1 and 14. Therefore, Applicants submit that claim 12 is patentable over the combination of Thompson, Budike, and Fleckner. Claim 13 depends from claim 12, and Applicants submit that claim 13 is patentable for at least the same reasons as claim 12.

Withdrawal and reconsideration of the rejection is requested.

### CONCLUSION

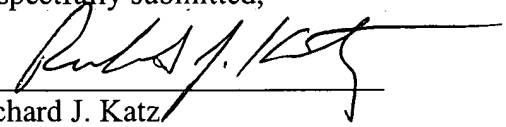
Each and every point raised in the Office Action dated July 30, 2003 has been addressed on the basis of the above amendments and remarks. In view of the foregoing it is believed that claims 1-19 are in condition for allowance and it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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